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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my letter dated 21 December 1992, I informed the members of the Security Council of my intention to send to Tajikistan a small integrated United Nations unit of political, military and humanitarian officers who would monitor the situation on the ground, provide liaison services and constitute a ground core for any possible more extensive United Nations participation in the regional efforts in Tajikistan in the future.

This unit, which is referred to as the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT), became operational on 21 January 1993, and has provided me with valuable up-to-date information on the conflict situation in Tajikistan. It has also been instrumental in coordinating the international community's response to the humanitarian situation in the country.

Recent reports from UNMOT have led me to conclude that there could be an escalation of the confrontation, especially in the border areas between Tajikistan and Afghanistan, unless urgent action is taken to establish a cease-fire and start a political dialogue among all concerned for the earliest possible solution of the problem.

I have accordingly decided, after consulting with the Government of Tajikistan and others concerned, to appoint Ambassador Ismat Kittani as my Special Envoy for Tajikistan. His mandate will be as follows:

- (a) To obtain agreement on a cease-fire and make recommendations on such international monitoring mechanisms as may be appropriate;
- (b) To ascertain the positions of all the concerned parties and make good offices available to assist the establishment of a process of negotiations for a political solution;
- (c) To enlist the help of neighbouring countries and others concerned in achieving the above objectives.

I have asked Ambassador Kittani to report to me on the results achieved after approximately three months, at which time a decision will be taken on whether to extend his appointment.

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In these circumstances I believe it is also necessary to extend the mandate of UNMOT for an additional three months so that it can continue its monitoring and humanitarian efforts as well as providing support to the Special Envoy.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI
